

**Presbytery of Wyoming
Council Minutes
April 8, 2008**

Present: Frank Kinney (Moderator), Jim Blaha, Sherry Flyr, Linda Norris, Gordon Sommer, Sherry Stottler, Daren Terpening, Lee Wickel; Ex officio: Bruce Ford, Fred Feth, Glen Flyr

Excused/absent: None

Guests: Bob Garrard, Linda Steele, Brian Johnson, Doug Malone, Jane Malone

The meeting was opened at 10:00am with prayer by Linda Norris.

Camping Ministry Task Force

Bob Garrard discussed the recommendations of the Camping Ministry Task Force. To meet the needs of the presbytery, it needs to raise a mission endowment of \$6 million along with \$600,000 in readily expendable funds. Council discussed a proposed motion to be presented by the task force to presbytery at its May 2008 meeting. The task force will put its motion in final form and present it along with supporting materials at the Friday session of presbytery to be voted on at the Saturday business session.

The minutes of January 31, 2008 council meeting was approved.

Council confirmed the on-line vote granting permission for Presbyterian Women to hold communion at its spring gathering April 4-5, 2008.

Financial Report

Glen Flyr reported that twenty churches had paid their per capita for 2008 in full by the end of February. The papers for the Worland remodeling loan have been signed and sent off to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). Council **VOTED** to grant permission for Glen Flyr to work with PILP to reduce the interest on the Worland loan.

Council **VOTED** to ask the budget & finance committee to review the CD with PILP that matures in August 2008 and to make a recommendation.

Presbyterian Women

Council **VOTED** to approve communion at the PW women's retreat on August 10, 2008.

New Business

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery endorse the overture to the 218th General Assembly for *Living Waters for the World*.

Stated Clerk's Report

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery approve the Cheyenne Korean Church as host for the presbytery meeting on September 17-18, 2010.

Fred Feth announced that the Board of Pensions has established the Patient Advocate position effective April 1, 2008 as promised.

Council voted to receive the stated clerk's report.

General Presbyter's Report

Council **VOTED** to approve purchase of equipment to replace and upgrade computers and related equipment for the presbytery office.

Council Moderator's Report

Frank Kinney announced that this would be his last meeting. Daren Terpening agreed to serve as council moderator pro-tem for the next meeting.

Mission Strategizing

Council discussed its role in implementing the mission statement approved at the February 2008 presbytery meeting. Council **VOTED** to create a subcommittee of council to lift up the core values to presbytery and to envision and engender action steps which include but are not exclusive of the action steps developed by the mission task force; with the makeup of the subcommittee being two members from council, two members from the mission task force and two at large members; with the progress of the subcommittee being evaluated in a year.

Council also **VOTED** to plan a retreat for council members, members of the mission task force and other leaders of presbytery for the purpose of training so that council members and other leaders can visit churches within the presbytery by the end of 2008 to explain the core values (care, connect and challenge). The presbytery moderator and vice-moderator will set up the retreat.

Council offered thanks to Frank Kinney for his great service to council and the presbytery and wished him well for his future endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm with prayer by Linda Norris.

The next meeting will be held at 10:00am on May 1, 2008 at the First Presbyterian church of Sheridan.